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Federal Library Committee Reorganized and Renamed the Federal Library and Information Center Committee

The Federal Library Committee has been reorganized and renamed the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), in recognition of the need for continued cooperation and concerted action within the Federal library and information center community. The change comes about after months of study and review by members of the Federal library and information center community and is a direct result of official action by the Federal Library Committee at its December 20, 1983, meeting.

The Federal Library Committee was established in 1965 when the U.S. Congress approved the appropriation of funds for a secretariat's office at the Library of Congress. The committee makes recommendations on Federal library and information policies, programs, and procedures to Federal agencies and to others concerned with libraries and information centers.

The committee coordinates cooperative activities and services among Federal libraries and information centers and serves as a forum to consider (1) issues and policies that affect Federal libraries and information centers, (2) needs and priorities in providing information services to the Government and to the Nation at large, and (3) efficient and cost-effective use of Federal library and information resources and services.

Furthermore, the committee promotes (1) improved access to information, (2) continued development and use of the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK), (3) research and development in the application of new technologies to Federal libraries and information centers, (4) improvements in the management of Federal libraries and information centers, and (5) relevant educational opportunities.

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The Librarian of Congress or his designee is the chairman of the committee. The committee meets quarterly and when called by the chairman. In addition to official representatives, other observers or agency representatives or guests may be invited to meetings by the chairman.

Permanent members of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee are The Librarian of Congress, The Director of the National Agricultural Library, and The Director of the National Library of

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Copyright Office Presents Report To Senate on Protecting U.S. Copyright in World Commerce

The U.S. Copyright Office presented to the Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U.S. Senate a report entitled "To Secure Intellectual Property Rights In Foreign Markets" at a hearing on Tuesday, September 25, on what actions of the U.S. Government are possible to promote protection of U.S. copyrighted works, including computer software, books, recordings, and motion pictures, in world markets. The report deals with strategies to that end in light of the international treaty obligations of the United States.

The 169-page report relates to piracy of American works in various regions of the world, the problems of fostering adaptation of copyright laws throughout the world to accommodate new technologies for use of copyrighted works, and the avenues to those ends both in unilateral action on the part of the United States and in the international organizations dealing with copyright. The report emphasizes that in the "Information Age," the copyright industries are of growing importance in U.S. trade, and the welfare of authors and copyright rightsholders and to workers who derive their livelihoods from copyright industries.

The report was commissioned by Senator Patrick J. Leahy of Vermont, a member of the subcommittee, and by Congressman Michael D. Barnes, chairman of the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives. Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., of Maryland is chairman of the Senate subcommittee.

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Comparable institutions and organizations in other countries may arrange to receive the *Bulletin* on the exchange basis by applying in writing to the Library's Exchange and Gift Division. All other correspondence should be addressed to the LC *Information Bulletin*, Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Leading Figure in Copyright Law Dies

Alan Latman, executive director of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A., professor of law at the New York University of Law, and good friend of the Copyright Office and many of its staff, died in New York on July 20 at the age of 54.

Professor Latman was one of the Nation's leading figures in copyright law. A graduate of New York University and the Harvard Law School, he was for several years an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army before serving as a consultant to the Copyright Office, where he participated in the program for the general revision of the U.S. copyright law by writing for the office a number of the Copyright Law Revision Studies, including *Fair Use of Copyrighted Works,* a widely quoted work on the subject. After entering the private practice of law, he also served as a member of the Panel of Experts which aided the Copyright Office in formulating a draft of the copyright revision bill ultimately enacted by Congress as the Copyright Act of 1976.

He helped found, and became executive secretary of, the National Committee for Effective Design Legislation, which in the 1960s sought the enactment of a law to provide adequate protection for the design features of useful articles. He also played a part in some of the most important copyright litigation of his day. This included the argument for the plaintiff-petitioner in the Supreme Court case of *Williams & Wilkins Company* v. *United States,* 420 U.S. 376 (1975), which involved the fair use issue in the context of unauthorized copying by the U.S. Government of medical journal articles.

Among his extensive writings on copyright are the modern editions of *Howell's Law of Copyright,* including the 1979 edition, which deals with the new copyright statute. He is also the author (with Robert A. Gorman) of a leading casebook on copyright law entitled *Copyright for the Eighties.*

In 1980, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin named Professor Latman to chair a national search

Reed Whittemore, whose interim appointment as the Library of Congress Consultant in Poetry for 1984–85 was announced in the LC Information Bulletin *of September 17, opened the fall literary series on October 1 with a reading of poems and translations of Robert Fitzgerald.*

committee to recommend a new Register of Copyrights. Professor Latman was also a member of the Copyright Advisory Committee, established to advise the Register on matters calling for consultation with copyright experts outside the Copyright Office. Indeed, his expertise, knowledge, and wisdom were frequently drawn upon by the Copyright Office and other Government agencies that deal with intellectual property, including the Department of State.

David Ladd, Register of Copyrights, issued the following statement: "The profession, the field of copyright, and Nation will long benefit from Alan Latman's work, but we already miss his delight in learning, his welling kindness, and his life-giving fellowship which enriched his scholarship and leadership and all of us."

Richard Dannay, president of the Copyright Society, stated: "Alan was truly the Renaissance man of copyright. He was an outstanding lawyer, inspiring professor, distinguished scholar and author."

Library Publishes Reed Whittemore Lecture on William Carlos Williams

"The Happy Genius of the Household," a lecture on the writings of William Carlos Williams, presented by Reed Whittemore, professor of English at the University of Maryland, has recently been published by the Library of Congress. The 32-page illustrated booklet carries the complete lecture by Professor Whittemore, as delivered at the Library's Coolidge Auditorium November 1, 1983, and includes introductory remarks by then Library of Congress Consultant in Poetry, Anthony Hecht.

William Carlos Williams (1883–1963) was born in Rutherford, N.J. He was a student at the Chateau de Lancy, Geneva, and later attended the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received an M.D. degree in 1906. He followed his studies there with a year of postgraduate work at the University of Leipzig, Germany. A physician until his retirement from active practice, he had begun writing by the time he was a medical student and published his first book while completing his internship in New York City.

Among his many works are a trilogy of novels, *The White Mule* (1937), *In the Money* (1940), and *The Build-Up* (1952); his autobiography (1951); and collections of poems, including *Spring and All* (1923), *Paterson* (5 v., 1946 ff.), *Desert Music* (1954), and *Pictures from Brueghel* (1962). His poetry awards include the National Book Award (1950), the Bollingen Prize (co-winner with Archibald MacLeish, 1953), and the Pulitzer Prize (1963).

Reed Whittemore, a former Library of Congress Consultant in Poetry (1964–65), has been professor of English at the University of Maryland since 1968. Author of several collections of poetry, his more recent work, *The Feel of Rock,* was published by Dryad Press in 1982. Mr. Whittemore also has recently been named Interim Consultant in Poetry at the Library, assuming the duties of Robert Fitzgerald, who is ill.

The publication is available free from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Library Visitors during August

From Abroad

Thailand—Pramote Kraumut, librarian, Prince of Songkhla University, Pattani Province.

Tonga—Her Royal Highness, Princess Mele Siulikutapu Kalaniuvalu Fotofili, Nukualofa.

Uruguay—Sergio Croci, staff librarian, Congressional Library, Montevideo.

The Vatican—Ivan Rebernik, professor, Vatican Library School.

Yugoslavia—His Excellency Miko Rakio and family, Ambassador of Yugoslavia to the United States, Washington, D.C.

Taiwan—Shen Yang, chief, Industrial Statistics Section, and Yi-chin Chen, section chief, Directorate General, Budget Accounting and Statistics, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei.

From the United States

Essex Community College, library staff, Baltimore, Md.

Anita Head, professor of law, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

Edwin Holmgren, director, The Branch Libraries, The New York Public Library, New York, N.Y.

Howard County Public Schools library media specialists, Howard County, Md.

Penn State University, library staff, University Park, Pa.

The College of William and Mary archive and manuscript apprentices, Williamsburg, Va.

On September 17 Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh (left) and Acting Public Printer William J. Barrett (right) presented the Chairman of Amtrak, W. Graham Claytor, Jr. (center), with a copy of Railroad Maps of North America: The First Hundred Years. *The publication, prepared by Andrew M. Modelski, head of the Acquisitions Unit in the Library's Geography and Map Division, was published earlier this year (see the LC* Information Bulletin *of April 2) and is for sale for $28 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or in person at the sales shops in the Thomas Jefferson and James Madison Buildings.*

Hard to Fill Vacancies

The Library of Congress is currently recruiting qualified applicants for a number of positions. To receive a copy of any of the vacancy announcements listed, please call (202) 287-5620. Personal Qualifications Statement (SF 171) is the required form of application. Resumes will not be accepted. U.S. citizenship is required. Interested applicants should send SF 171's to the Library of Congress, Employment Office, Rm. LM-107, Washington, D.C. 20540. A separate application must be submitted for each vacancy and the vacancy announcement number indicated. The Library of Congress is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Vacancy Announcement 40697: Librarian (Descriptive Cataloger) GS-9, $21,066-$27,384. Requires MLS or experience demonstrating a knowledge of cataloging rules, and reading knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese.

Vacancy Announcement 40688: Librarian (Subject Cataloger) GS-9, $21,066-$27,384. Requires bachelor's degree in social sciences, MLS or experience demonstrating a knowledge of principles and practices of subject cataloging and classification, and reading knowledge of two or more modern Scandinavian languages.

Vacancy Announcement 40687: Librarian (Cataloger) GS-9, $21,066-$27,384. Requires MLS or experience demonstrating a knowledge of cataloging rules, and reading knowledge of Russian and one other Slavic or Baltic language.

Vacancy Announcement 40759: Librarian (Subject Cataloger) GS-9, $21,066-$27,384. Requires bachelor's degree in biological or biomedical sciences, MLS or experience demonstrating a knowledge of principles and practices of subject cataloging and classification, and reading knowledge of two modern European languages from two different language groups, such as Slavic, Germanic, or Romance.

Vacancy Announcement 40758: Librarian (Descriptive Cataloger) GS-9, $21,066-$27,384. Requires MLS or experience demonstrating a knowledge of cataloging rules, and reading knowledge of Thai and the ability to romanize Thai text.

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Medicine. Other permanent members are a representative from the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, and the Treasury.

A representative also serves from each of the following agencies: the Administrative Offices of the U.S. Courts, Defense Technical Information Center (Department of Defense), Government Printing Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Archives and Records Service, National Science Foundation, National Technical Information Service

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STAFF NEWS

Florence L. Cole Retires

Library Staff Member since 1954

Florence L. Cole, a library technician in the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division, retired on August 31 after more than 30 years of Federal service. Prior to Mrs. Cole's retirement date, she was presented many gifts from her fellow staff members.

Mrs. Cole began her Library of Congress career in January 1954, with an appointment to a clerk-typist position in the Reference Department. Prior to her appointment in 1954, Mrs. Cole was employed by the Veterans Administration from 1951 to 1953. From 1954 through 1970, she earned promotions in the Air Information, Air Research, and Defense Research Divisions of the Reference Department. In November 1971, she was promoted to the position of library technician in the Processing and Reference Section of the Serial Record Division. Over the years, she continued to earn promotions to higher level positions within the section.

Mrs. Cole's tenure in the Processing and Reference Section was highlighted by a quality increase in 1973 for high level performance and accuracy in the processing of serials. Her annual performance evaluations continued to emphasize her cooperative spirit, sensitivity, and understanding while training her subordinates; her resourcefulness in responding to queries from patrons to the Telephone Reference Service; and her pleasant personality. These characteristics have made Mrs. Cole a valuable, respected, and well-liked employee who will be missed by her peers and the Serial Record Division management.

Retirement plans for Mrs. Cole include travel and further involvement with both charitable associations and church related activities.

First Day of Issue For "A Nation of Readers" Stamp

The Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin, and Postmaster General William F. Bolger will preside over a first day of issue ceremony on Tuesday, October 16, to announce a new 20-cent commemorative stamp on the theme, "A Nation of Readers." The Reverend James D. Ford, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, will give the invocation and benediction. The ceremony, which will begin at 11 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium, is open both to the Library staff and to the public.

The image on the stamp, which is printed in brown and maroon, is based on a well-known Mathew Brady photograph from the Library's collections that depicts Abraham Lincoln reading to his son, "Tad." The phrase "A Nation of Readers," which appears below the image, was the title of an address by The Librarian of Congress delivered at the opening of an exhibition of the same name in April 1982. The phrase has been used frequently by the Center for the Book to remind Americans of the pleasure and importance of books and reading.

The U.S. Postal Service will offer the stamp for sale and will provide first day cancellations in the Whittall Pavilion, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon, closing for the ceremony from 10:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Following the ceremony, The Librarian, the Postmaster General, and Bradbury Thompson, the designer of the stamp, will autograph first day covers and envelopes in the Coolidge Auditorium. Any persons not wishing to purchase covers may provide their own envelopes to which stamps may be affixed.

The WRA Philatelic Club will also sell first day covers bearing a cachet that reproduces the image of the dome of the Jefferson Building and Cap'n O. G. Readmore, a character designed to promote reading as part of an ABC Entertainment/Library of Congress Center for the Book project. The Philatelic Club sale will take place in the area across from the Coolidge Auditorium, during the same hours as the Postal Service sale. While the supply lasts, a limited number of the unautographed first day covers will be offered for sale at the Information Counter on the ground floor of the Jefferson Building after the sale.

Staff members wishing to attend this program during working hours should receive the prior approval of their supervisors.

New Information on Flexitime/Compflex Schedules Announced

Eligible Library staff members may elect flexitime/comflex as an alternative work schedule every six months. The next six-month period will run from October 29, 1984, through April 28, 1985. Definitions, eligibility, and possible work schedules are established in "Guidelines for Flexitime and Compflex," dated July 15, 1983.

All Library managers and supervisors in grades GS–14 and above and staff members of the Congressional Research Service are not eligible to elect a

compflex (compressed and flexible) work schedule.

Eligible American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME Locals 2477 and 2910) bargaining unit members and Law Library of Congress United Association of Employees (LLCUNAE) bargaining unit members will receive an election form, LW 5/76a, *Election of Alternative Work Schedule* (rev. 3/84), on which they may indicate a selection or rejection of flexitime or compflex as an alternative work schedule.

Eligible staff members who are not members of these bargaining units and who elect a flexitime/compflex schedule must also fill out LW 5/76a, available from their supervisors. However, management procedures and decisions on schedules may not necessarily be the same as those governing bargaining unit members.

The election form must be completed and returned to the staff member's supervisor by October 12.

The six-month scheduling of flexitime/compflex coincides with the semiannual assignment of parking assignments and the change in daylight savings time.

Program Announcements

On Thursday, October 11, the Staff Relations Office will present its first **Handicapped Awareness Program** from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Mumford Room. Faith Kirk, executive director for the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in Maryland, will be the guest speaker.

Jeff Lubin, in cooperation with WRA, will present a photography seminar on "Photographing People" on Wednesday, October 17, at 12 noon in the Mumford Room. All staff members are invited to attend the seminar, which will consist of a slide presentation on photographing people in various environments. Techniques used will be discussed in the slide show. Mr. Lubin conducted a WRA photography class earlier this year that was enthusiastically received by staff members. The seminar on October 17 will highlight the success of that class.

The Scholars Committee will hold its next colloquium on Thursday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Wilson Room, Jefferson Building. Eutychia Moschouti-Lowenkopf, a historian doing research at the Library of Congress for her book *Manto Mavrogenous — The Greek War of Independence and the Great Powers,* will discuss "The Phanariots" and their role in preparing for a social, economic, political, and cultural revolution that would replace the Osmanlis by the Greeks and lead to a united Balkan State under Greek hegemony.

Staff Activities

Three articles by **Enikő Molnár Basa,** cataloging editor in the Catalog Management and Publication Division, have been published in *Critical Survey of Poetry: Foreign Language Series.* These are studies on the Hungarian poets Endre Ady, János Arany, and Sándor Petőfi. The five-volume reference work is designed to acquaint the reader with important figures in world literature by analyzing their works and achievements. Dr. Basa emphasized the role of each of these major poets in Hungarian literature and their relationshiip to Western European traditions within that context.

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, was a speaker on September 23 at Senior World, a program at the Portland, Oreg., Memorial Colliseum sponsored by Chautauqua Northwest. Dr. Cole's topic was "Books and Reading in our Future."

Catherine Hiebert Kerst, subject cataloger for folklore and Scandinavian materials, participated in the Conference on Scandinavian Immigration, Settlement, and Acculturation held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on August 27–30. The interdisciplinary conference brought together scholars from Scandinavia and the United States and addressed a wide variety of issues relating to recent Scandinavian-American immigration research. Following the conference, Ms. Kerst spent 10 days in Tyler, Minn., where she conducted fieldwork among Danish-Americans and worked in the Danebod Folk School archives. Ms. Kerst is a student in Folklife and American Studies at George Washington University where she is working on a dissertation focusing on the annual Danish-American fall folk meeting held at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler.

On March 9, the Hall of Flags of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., was the site of the panel whose participants, along with others from five cities across the United States, spoke to one another and to each other via satellite-transmitted video and two-way audio connections in a seminar on copyright protection for "High Tech" products. Live audiences in New York City, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and several other cities were able to interact with the Washington, D.C., panel via a satellite connection. Cosponsored by the U.S. Copyright Office, *Legal Times,* and *Law and Business, Inc.,* in cooperation with the Copyright Society of the United States of America and the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the seminar was entitled "Software Protection: The U.S. Copyright Office Speaks on the Computer/Copyright Interface." Representing the Copyright

Office at the seminar and teleconference were Register of Copyrights **David Ladd,** General Counsel **Dorothy Schrader,** policy planning advisor **Marybeth Peters,** and former policy planning advisor **Michael Keplinger.** Others included attorneys Jon A. Baumgarten, Morton D. Goldberg, Arthur J. Levine, and the late Alan Latman. The conference was also attended by Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., and Representative Robert W. Kastenmeier.

Marriage, Birth Announcements

Carrianne Beverly Council and **Robert Foxx McClellan, Jr.,** were married September 1 in Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C. Mrs. McClellan is a cataloger in the English Language Section of the Shared Cataloging Division. Mr. McClellan is a recreation specialist at Residential Youth Services, Inc., Alexandria, Va.

Gail and Joseph Maniscalco are the parents of a son, David Joseph, born on July 20 at the Alexandria Hospital. Mrs. Maniscalco is a cataloger in the English Language Section of the Shared Cataloging Division and Mr. Maniscalco teaches at Oxon Hill Middle School.

Susan and Richard Spindel are the parents of a daughter, Lauren, born on September 10 at the Alexandria Hospital. Mrs. Spindel is secretary to the assistant chief in the Shared Cataloging Division and Mr. Spindel is employed in private industry.

Staff Carpool Locator

Inkyong Ahn of the Asian Division, ext. 75424, would like to be a rider in a carpool coming from the Oakton/Vienna/Tyson, Va., area. She is on a flexitime schedule from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Helga Surface of the Information and Reference Division, ext. 76850, would like to be a rider in a carpool leaving daily from the Huntington, Va., area.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Ann Dea, computer programmer (trainee), GS-5, ASO, 40302; Kathryn McConnell, visual information specialist, GS-7, Cop Inf & Ref, 40396; Shelley Miller, acquisitions specialist, GS-9, E&G, 40367; Kathryn Overton, assistant head, Bill Digest Section, GS-13, CRS A, 40404; William Woldman, social science analyst, GS-11, CRS Gov, 40289.

Temporary Appointments: Robert Berger, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Marie Frisa, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Kathryn Galt, clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Scott Huch, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Melissa Latus, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Stephen Leggett, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Thomas Leh, clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Clare Lynam, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP; Stuart McHenry, word processing & data entry operator, GS-4, ASO, NP; Elizabeth Morrison, inquiries recorder, GS-7, CRS ARS, 40422; Amy Root, survey support clerk, GS-3, Plan & Dev, NP.

Temporary Reappointment: Virginia Sorkin, programmer, GS-11, ASO, NP.

Promotions: David Bloxsom, to head, documents expediting section, GT-12, Proc, 40403; Helen Metz, to senior research analyst, GS-12, Res, 40393; Anne Ross, to assistant to the editor, GS-9, Res, 40319.

Transfers: Yvette Battle, Loan, to name authority verifier trainee, GS-6, Proc, 40353.

Resignations: David Brunell, FLC; James Chandler III, Sci; Patricia Durana, FMO; Patricia Francis, Ch Lit; Jefferson Gray, CRS EPW; Roy Hunt, Ser; Tim Kegley, Ser; Barbara Kipila, FRD; Timothy Klein, LL; Emily Sieger, M/B/RS; Renee Staten, E&G; Louis Timmons, Ser.

Invitation to Readers

The *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* invites staff members to submit notes on their activities and invites clubs and organizations to submit information regarding their events for publication in the *Bulletin.* The *Bulletin* is dated and published every Monday. The

cutoff date for publication in the *Bulletin* is **12** days before the date printed on the cover of the issue. Information concerning special meetings or events of clubs and organizations should be submitted at least **four weeks** before the event.

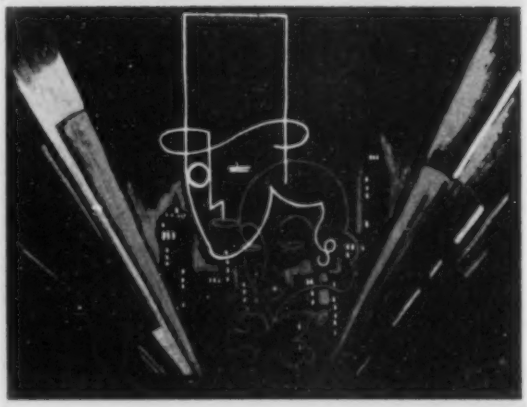
Requests for carpools should contain the person's name, division, extension, work schedule, destination, and whether the person is seeking a carpool or rider. This information will then be published in the *Bulletin* as frequently as the demand warrants.

Staff members should submit these notes on activities and requests for carpools **in writing** to the Information Office (LM 103) addressed to Editor, LC *Information Bulletin*.

New Cards Are Colorful Addition To Information and Sales Counters

Twenty colorful new greeting cards and five reprints of particularly popular ones from previous years have been added to those for sale at the information and sales counters in the Jefferson and Madison Buildings. Due to display space, the complete collection of cards is available only in the Jefferson Building. The illustrations are reproduced from items in the Library's collections and represent a wide variety of media such as drawings, manuscripts on vellum, photographs, magazine covers, and chromolithographs. Although reduced in size, the pictures are faithfully reproduced in detail from the original works that were created over a time period ranging from the 15th century to the present. The excellent quality of the card stock, the faithfulness to detail in the reproductions, and the wide variety of the cards have helped give the shop a reputation endorsed in the July issue of *Washingtonian Magazine*. In an article entitled "The Treasures of Museum Shops," the writer states that "Among museum shop aficionados, the main gift shop at the Library of Congress ranks first in D.C."

Three of the new cards pictured (top to bottom) are a color photograph taken by former staff member David Doyle showing Christmas wreaths of green balsam and pine cones tied with red bows decorating the entrance to the Thomas Jefferson Building; a colorful chromolithograph of currants that reproduces a canvas by American still-life painter Virginia Granbery; and one of the 10 vaudeville sets, this particular one with a neon effect, designed by James Stewart Morcam.



Reminder...

The new **Library of Congress 1985 Engagement Calendar** is now available at the sales and information counters in both the Jefferson and Madison Buildings.

(Department of Commerce), Office of Scientific and Technical Information (Department of Energy), Smithsonian Institution, Supreme Court of the United States, U.S. Information Agency, and Veterans Administration.

Ten additional voting members are selected by FLICC permanent members from the three branches of Government, independent agencies, boards, committees, and commissions. These members serve two-year terms on a rotating basis. In addition to the permanent representative from the Department of Defense, one nonvoting member is selected from each of the military services (U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Navy). These service members, who serve for two years, are selected by the permanent Department of Defense member from names provided by the committee.

One representative from each of the following agencies is invited as an observer to committee meetings: the General Accounting Office, General Services Administration, Joint Committee on Printing, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and Office of Management and Budget.

Representatives of departments and agencies are designated by the Secretary of each department or the head of each agency. Permanent and rotating members are authorized to speak for the department or agency on library and information center matters.

An executive director is appointed by the committee chairman to conduct the work of the committee. James P. Riley currently serves as the executive director. The offices of the secretariat of the committee are located at the Library of Congress.

The continuance of the committee is subject to biennial review.

Recent Acquisition

Judaica Librarianship, published semiannually by the Association of Jewish Libraries, is a new journal devoted to the organization and management of Judaica and Hebraica collections.

In the inaugural issue editorial, Bella Hass Weinberg, coeditor, cites several factors which have converged to encourage publication at this time: the increasing professionalization and specialization in the field, the growing complexity of librarianship—particularly in the realm of automation, the accelerating interdependence of libraries through networking and cooperative effort, and the broadening of perspectives to encompass international horizons.

Each issue will include articles by Judaica librarians in the United States, Israel, and Europe, on developments in Judaica collections ranging from those in research centers to school libraries. Additionally, because articles pertaining to Judaica collections are published in a variety of library science journals not seen by most Judaica librarians, *Judaica Librarianship* aspires to provide its readership with current, relevant information from the general library world as it impacts on Judaica collections.

The inaugural issue may be seen in the Hebraic Section, LA 1006. [*Peggy K. Pearlstein*]

Library of Congress Publications

Manual on Subject Headings Now Available

The *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings,* prepared by the Subject Cataloging Division, was recently published by the Library of Congress. The manual is in loose-leaf form and is approximately 500 pages in length. It consists of individual instruction sheets, each on a specific topic, detailing the procedures used by LC subject catalogers in establishing new subject headings and in assigning subject headings to library materials cataloged in Processing Services and in the Geography and Map Division.

Because of its emphasis on procedures, the work is intended to be neither a general introduction to subject cataloging practice nor a theoretical work on subject access. It attempts instead to provide practical guidance in applying the subject headings listed in *Library of Congress Subject Headings,* and can be regarded as a companion volume to that publication. As such, the manual should be of interest to several groups within the library community. The staff of library cataloging departments who wish to assign subject headings in the spirit of Library of Congress policies and practices, and particularly those engaged in cooperative projects with the Library, should be greatly assisted by this publication.

Reference librarians who wish to understand how the Library of Congress assigns subject headings and thereby develop successful subject search strategies should find it useful as well. Library school students may also use the manual to familiarize themselves with subject cataloging rules.

The *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* is available for $20. Orders should be addressed to the Cataloging Distribution Service, Customer Services Section, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, tel. (202) 287-6100.

The 19th Annual Convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries

Atlanta, Ga., June 24–27, 1984

The 19th annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries was held at the Lanier Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Ga., June 24–27. The opening session on Sunday night, June 24, was devoted to a lecture on "Patterns of American Jewish Life: A Georgia Illustration" by Mark Bauman, associate professor of American studies at Atlanta Junior College, tracing the history of the Georgia Jewish community, which began with the settlement of Savannah in 1733. Savannah can boast of one of the oldest Jewish congregations in continuous existence in the United States. The address was supplemented by a slide presentation, prepared for the 250th anniversary of Georgia Jewry by Perry Brickman, a dentist and Jewish community leader in Atlanta.

On Monday, June 25, the Council of Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies (CARLJS), held its annual meeting. CARLJS is an organization independent of the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL), but most of whose members are affiliated with the Research and Special Libraries Division (R&S) of AJL. One of the council's projects is exchange of cataloging data for Hebrew and Yiddish works not yet covered by Library of Congress records. It also promotes the development of local and regional Jewish archives to preserve the raw material upon which future histories of American Jewry might be based. Another important concern is to stimulate the automation community to devise means to input Hebrew and Yiddish vernacular cataloging data into a cataloging network. Bella Weinberg, assistant professor of library science at St. Johns University, and consultant to the library of the Yivo Institute of Jewish Research in New York (the major American library with Yiddish holdings), discussed the attempts by RLIN to bring this about. Because Chinese, Japanese, and Korean records can be produced now, Hebrew and other nonroman alphabets should not present insuperable obstacles, but much remains to be done before the dream can be turned into reality.

At the same time the Synagogue, School, and Center Division (SSC) heard a presentation on "Books as Triggers to Discussion and Thought" by Sylvia Eisen, librarian at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center, Franklin Square, N.Y. This is really a two-way street. While books may stimulate discussion on a variety of topics, class discussion can be directed toward reference to books as children seek to buttress their arguments for a particular point of view. "There's no business like book business" was the stance of Marcia Posner, Judaica library consultant and children's book specialist, New York. She emphasized the importance of bulletin boards in attracting persons to the treasures a library has to offer. The advertising techniques used in business should not be shied away from. A kit with detailed instructions in composition, design, and various ways of presenting catchy slogans on bulletin boards was distributed to the participants.

This was followed by a session on libraries in Jewish day schools, that is, private schools that combine secular and religious education. Gloria Waldenberg, librarian of Congregation Beth David's Solomon Schechter Day School, Miami Fla., dealt with the assembling and classifying of books in such a library. Esther Nussbaum, librarian of the upper division of Ramaz School, New York, used the example of history teaching to demonstrate how Jewish and general history can be integrated and thus bring a unique perspective to the students. Mariessa Anton, librarian at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Prairie Village, Kans., presented her program of teaching library skills in grades one through five, specifically tailored for each grade. Nancy Bloom, media specialist at the Brandeis Academy, Miami, discussed accreditation of such libraries by Jewish and state agencies. Margot Berman, librarian at Beth Am Day School, Miami, spoke on "Library Policy," and its establishment, documentation, and enforcement.

The opportunities and challenges of Jewish community center libraries were discussed by Sylvia Firschein, director of the Charles Goldman Judaica Library, YM-YWHA of North Jersey, Wayne, N.J., Annita Wenner, director of the Central Agency for Jewish Education, Denver, Colo., and Edythe Wolf, director of the Jewish Federation Library, Omaha, Nebr. In addition to servicing the staffs of their respective organizations and serving as lending libraries to the Jewish community at large, they also may function as backup to the libraries of the smaller synagogue and school libraries with material and administrative assistance. Rita Frischer, director of library services, Sinai Temple Blumenthal Library, Los Angeles, chaired a workshop for "Beginning Judaica Librarians." She stated that the problem of training new personnel both in subject expertise and library techniques is continuing to tax the ingenuity of all those in the field.

"Old Age in the Church and Synagogue Library" was the topic of Barbara Hull, a prominent church worker in Atlanta who also serves as chairman of the library committee of the First Presbyterian Church. The special needs of the senior citizens with more time on their hands can be addressed by these libraries, both in terms or providing reading material for them and offering opportunities for volunteer service. Ralph

Simon, librarian of Temple Emanu El, Cleveland, Ohio, spoke about "What is New in Media." In the last few years there has been a proliferation of films and film strips dealing with Jewish topics. Because acquiring or renting these materials is costly, care must be taken in screening them first to test their suitability.

During the luncheon session Aaron Lansky, founder and executive director of the National Yiddish Book Center, Amherst, Mass., related the story of this unusual project. As the immigrant Jewish generation gives way to a predominantly native-born community, the interest in Yiddish and Yiddish literature has markedly declined, and collections of Yiddish books, whether in private hands or parts of branches of public libraries in old Jewish neighborhoods, are being discarded. To rescue these books from extinction the center was organized by Mr. Lansky and a few dedicated helpers. He is also being assisted by many oldtimers who look out for him like detectives in their communities, whenever they hear about a collection of Yiddish books that may be thrown away. In this way he has brought together about 250,000 volumes which are intended to be given to repositories, such as Yivo, the Library of Congress , and the major collections of Jewish books throughout the world.

This was followed by a presentation about the Emery University Holocaust Project by Sylvia Becker, a former member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust and an active Jewish lay leader in Atlanta; Hilda Feinberg, formerly head librarian of the Revlon Research Center in New York; and Ron David Williams, associate professor at the Emerson University Library School. This is one of many regional endeavors to record the experiences of local Holocaust survivors through oral histories preserved on tape. Vivian Thompson, an art historian, gave a slide lecture on "Post-Holocaust American Art." The artists represented were both survivors and others on whom this tragic event had left an indelible impression. The program concluded with a film, "The Story of Chaim Rumkowski and the Jews of Lodz." Rumkowski was the controversial leader of the Jewish council in the Lodz ghetto appointed by the Nazis. The film tried to show his difficult position of serving his German masters and endeavoring to save the Jewish community at the same time under the ever-increasing restrictions imposed by the persecutors.

On Tuesday, June 26, the R&S Division had a program on "Library Use Instruction." Charles Cutter, head of the Judaica department, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., reported on his course in Jewish bibliography at his institution. Linda Lerman, administrative librarian at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, described her informal instruction in library use to incoming students. In the discussion that followed the formal presentations it was agreed that the best motivation for students to familiarize themselves with their library is the necessity to prepare a term paper or a thesis. At a concurrent session the SSC Division was entertained with a "Story-Telling Hour" by Sue Barancik, librarian of Congregation Adath B'nai Israel, Evansville, Ind.

Later, R&S held an "LC Cataloging Clinic" during which Theodore Wiener, Judaica cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, fielded questions about Library of Congress procedures in romanization of Hebrew and in subject cataloging practice. SSC held two separate workshops on two of the classification schemes used by many of their libraries. Mae Weine, librarian at Congregation Beth Abraham Hillel Moses in West Bloomfield, Mich. presented the Weine scheme, which has gone through several editions, and Rita Frischer chaired a discussion on the Elazar scheme, intended both for synagogue and larger Jewish libraries.

After lunch, Jay Jacoby, assistant professor of English literature at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, spoke on "Folk Figures in Jewish Literature." He dealt particularly with the figure of the Golem, which has surfaced again in recent Jewish writings, particularly as the Holocaust has become a major theme for Jewish authors. The Golem is a miraculous being that could rescue a community from destruction, but at the same time could prove a danger to the very people he was created to save.

In the afternoon, the R&S Division held a forum on Yiddish materials with Dina Abramowicz, librarian of Yivo, speaking on their acquisition and cataloging. As the number of Yiddish readers declines, it becomes more difficult to ferret out the sources for new Yiddish books. As a center of Yiddish studies, Yivo is relatively well positioned in getting most new publications from their widely scattered places of origin. Zachary Baker, librarian of the Yiddish department of the Jewish Public Library in Montreal, Canada, discussed "Trends in Yiddish Publishing." At present, there are Yiddish publishing houses in Israel, Argentina, the United States, and the Soviet Union. All of these have to be subsidized. Many books are actually put out by so-called book committees, established on the initiative of friends and relatives of the authors. The memorial books focusing on the history of the communities destroyed during the Holocaust in Eastern Europe are usually published in Israel with Hebrew and Yiddish sections by the federations of survivors from those communities.

Also that afternoon SSC was treated to a program on "Great Ideas" chaired by Manne Aronovsky, librarian of Congregation Tifereth Israel, Columbus, Ohio. The central idea of Judaism, the reinforcement

of ethical conduct by the religious sanction, is not easy to teach and requires ingenuity and resourcefulness on the part of the instructor.

The final program was presented by Joel Taxel of the University of Georgia in Athens and founding editor of *The Advocate,* a journal dealing with children's literature. He related his experience in editing this magazine and how he handles potential contributors while running the enterprise with a firm, yet conciliatory, hand.

During the banquet that evening children's book award presentations were made to Rose Zar for *In the Mouth of the Wolf,* her story of survival during the Holocaust, and to Barbara Pomerantz for *Bubby, Me, and Memories,* a picture book exploring the love between grandchild and grandmother, even after the latter's death. The banquet address was delivered by Ellen Umansky, assistant professor of Judaic studies at Emory University. She considers a major goal in her academic work to reinforce positive attitudes toward their heritage on the part of her Jewish students.

The business meeting was held on Wednesday morning. Hazel Karp, librarian of the Hebrew Academy Day School in Atlanta, is the new president of the association, succeeding Philip Miller, librarian of the Hebrew Union College in New York.

In addition to this reporter, attending from the Library of Congress was Myron Weinstein, head of the Hebraic Section, African and Middle Eastern Division. [*Theodore Wiener*]

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